IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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Each product includes a monomer unit with the following formula:

$$-ORS_nR^1OA[O]$$
- or  $-OAOR^1S_nR[O]$ -

wherein:

O and S have their normal meaning of oxygen and sulfur;

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Where the composition is formed from the reactants in a mole ratio of its reactants of between about 1:1 and up to and including 2:1 or even greater, and has molecular weight below about 5000 dal, it is referred to as "extended monomer;" the extended monomer will have one of the following formulae:

- (a)  $MF_m \Omega RS_n R^1 O M^1$ ; or
- (b)  $MZAORS_nR^1F^I_m \underline{O}AZ^1M^1$ ,

wherein:

O and S have their normal meaning of oxygen and sulfur;

n is at least 2 and not more than about 8, usually in the range of about 2 to 4, more usually in the range of 2 to 3;

F is of the formula -ORS<sub>n</sub>R<sup>1</sup>OA-;

 $F^{I}$  is of the formula –OAORS<sub>n</sub>R<sup>1</sup>-;

m is at least 1;

Z and Z<sup>1</sup> are oxy or amino;

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The high molecular weight poly(thioesters) have the formula:

$$Xf_m\,\underline{O}X^1$$

wherein:

f is the group  $-ORS_nR^1OA[O]$ -;

X is H or HOA-;

 $X^1$  is H or  $-RS_nR^1OH$ ;